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Students to see increase in tuition in spring semester

Board votes to raise tuition
after funding state again

By Favian Quezada
Web Editor

Students will be paying a little bit more to attend TJC soon, as the TJC Board has voted to increase tuition and fees starting next semester.

The board voted to raise the rates due to the lack of funding, which came from the latest legislative session. And the change will bring in around \$750,000 annually, according to Vice President of Finance and Administrative Affairs, Sarah Van Cleef.

"We had really kind of held off in the fall as we were building the budget to see what would happen at the state level," said Van Cleef. "The state could have treated us a little bit better."

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FALLEN SOLIDER BATTLEFIELD CROSS HONORS VETERANS The memorial with upside down rifle, helmet and boots is a common memorial. These boots are from soldiers who have returned from deployment and get sold to aid veteran's programs.

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TJC cadet program trains officers of the future

Cadets gain experience and offer services for students on campus

By Emily Attebery
Managing Editor

The Tyler Junior College Cadet Program may not be the most well known organization at TJC, but it certainly has a big impact on the school and community. For more than 35 years, it has been actively training peace officers.

"It's an excellent first step into the world of law enforcement."

-Officer Merritt Minkel
TJC Campus Safety

foot in the door of law enforcement."

Students in the program are able to get basic understandings of the necessary tasks the job requires on a daily basis. Sgt. Vickers lists communication on the police radio with the proper phonetics, writing citations, conducting boosts, unlocking vehicles and providing the occasional escort are parts of what a cadet would learn.

"You start just learning little things -- ticket writing, getting over that nervousness of writing somebody a ticket who's a peer," said TJC Officer Merritt Minkel.

There is also hope that, through the program, other students at TJC might benefit from their services.

"How we assist our students contributes to their success and ability to succeed," said Sgt. Vickers. "We are here to serve, not to be served."

Services which the cadets perform while training, such as unlocking cars and giving boosts, can financially help a student from getting the job done at school instead of having to find help somewhere else.

Many have finished the cadet program in the past few years, and many have continued the career in other local areas.

state police departments. Officer Minkel participated in the cadet program while attending TJC, and after spending time in West Texas, he came back and joined the faculty.

"It's an excellent first step into the world of law enforcement," said Minkel. "It really gives you a little bit more of a taste to decide, especially if you're studying criminal justice and you can work at a place like that, you can really figure out if that's what you want to do."

However, there were times of fun among the hours of walking around campus.

"We would see who could write the most tickets between each other... I didn't write any weird tickets; I was trying to write ones that were legitimate but we'd have a contest, so it was a lot

"We are here to serve, not to be served."

-Sergeant Jimmie Vickers-Dews
Cadet Program Director

of fun," said Minkel.

The program looks to expand even further, hopefully getting more students to participate in the beneficial experience.

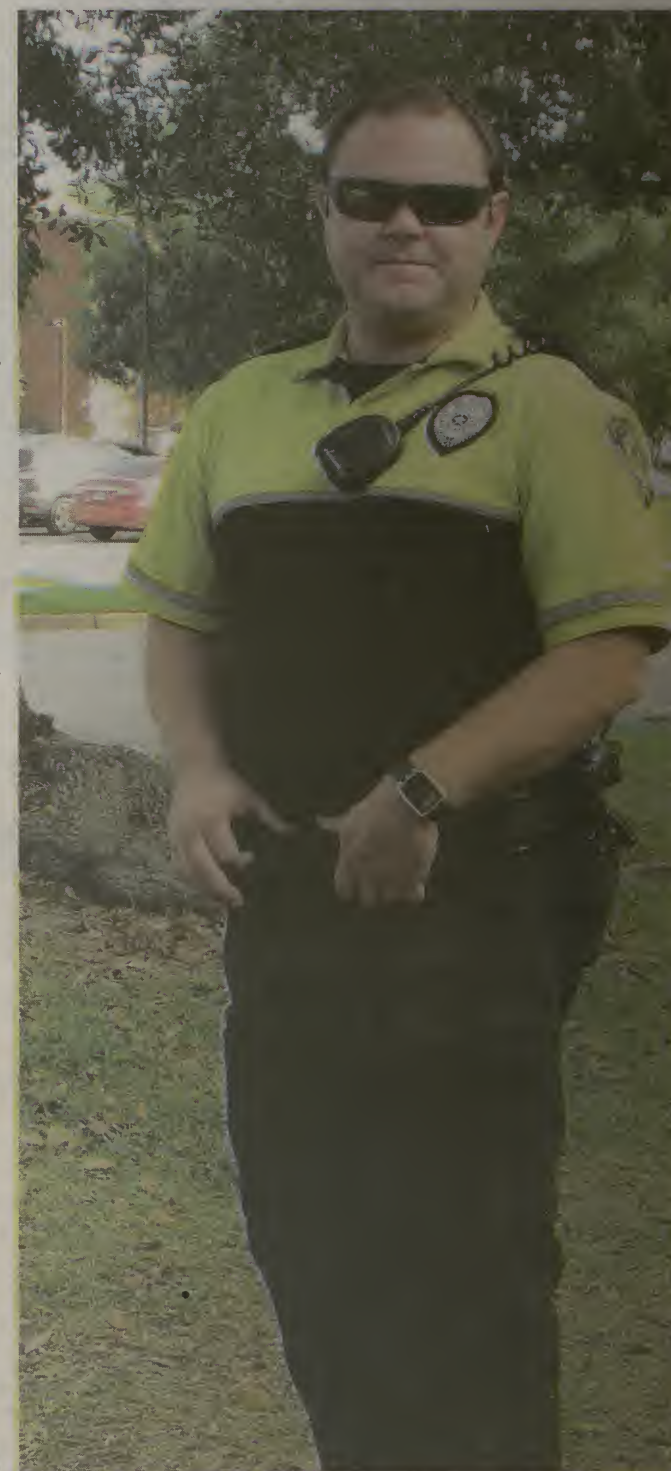
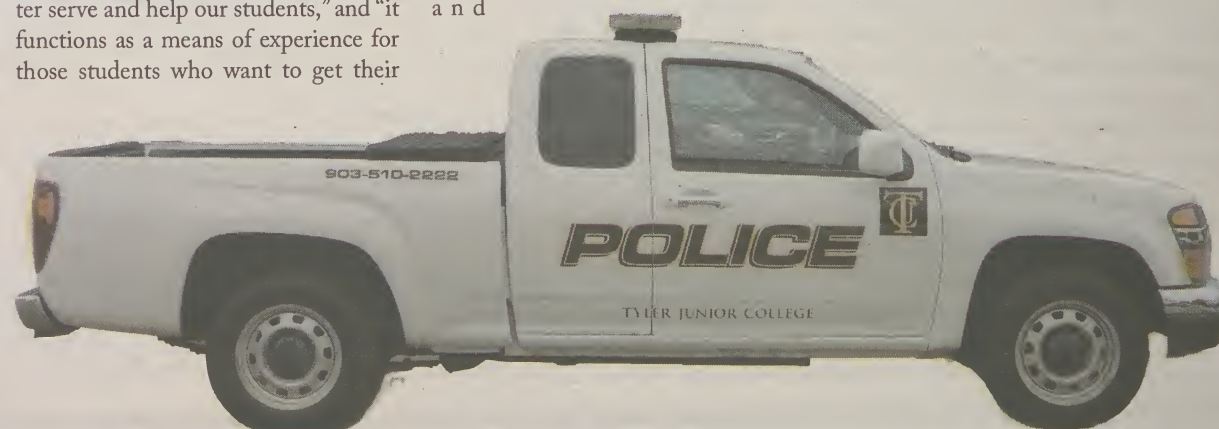
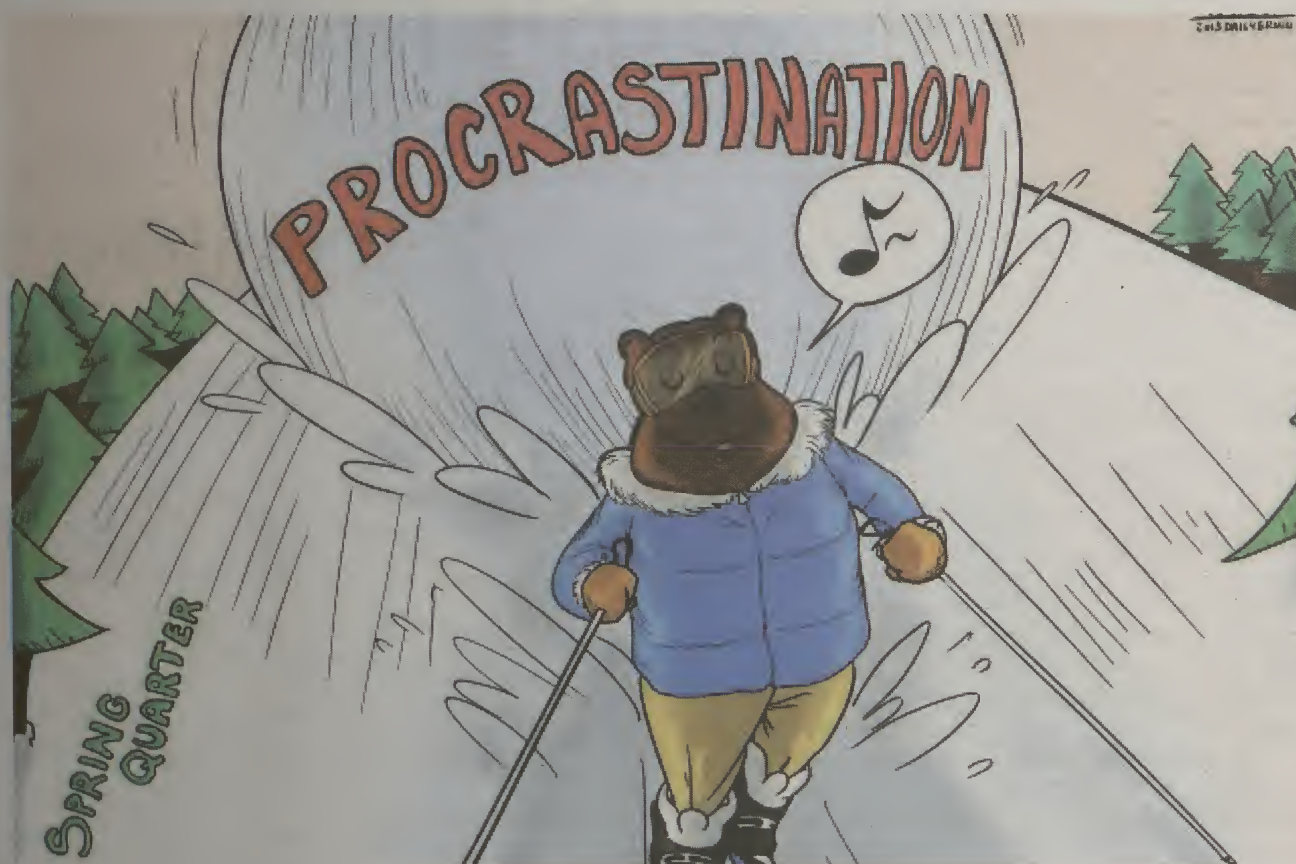


Photo by Emily Attebery

FROM CADET TO FACULTY Officer Merritt Minkel spent a semester in the TJC cadet program. Now, he's been on faculty for almost a year at TJC.



BY KARA YASUI OF THE DAILY BRUIN

There are worse things than red cups

Column



Carl Speaks
Copy Editor

In October, Starbucks rolled out their annual Christmas cups. The idea was a plain red cup that customers could write their own Christmas messages on.

Joshua Feuerstein, former pastor and self-proclaimed "social media personality", started a campaign against Starbucks, obtaining over 10 million views on his rant about Starbucks "hating Jesus" because they've removed Christmas from their cups.

As a man born into faith, I have a few things to say about this campaign against the Starbucks red cup. To start with, why? Why are the "Christian majority", as Feuerstein put it, even involved in this? Starbucks' previous cups contained

images including snowflakes, ornaments, children on sleds, polar bears, doves and what appears to be carolers. Not one cup features any symbols of a specific religious nature. I suppose it could be argued that the doves represent the peace promised in the story of Noah's ark, or the ornaments are representative of the North Star and the guiding of the three wise men to the birth of Christ, but then I could also rationalize that McDonald's hates Jews because they serve the McRib and Bo Pilgrim was actually into voodoo, he just used KFC to cover it up.

We can't say Merry Christmas anymore because it might offend someone. We can't pray in school anymore because it might offend someone. Muslims can't even walk in public without someone looking at them with either fear or disgust, because if they look Arabic, they must be a terrorist. We label people based on their ethnicity or religion. We stereotype people because

someone from their same background made it on the news a few times in bad, or sometimes horrific, situations. Racism is not dead, it's just not quite as outspoken as it once was.

Individual people can be smart. Individuals, like Feuerstein, have the ability to reach a massive number of people and speak out. Many often do speak out, but it's usually speaking out about things like offensive plain red cups from Starbucks or what color is the dress, really? What are we doing, America? Have we become so desensitized to actual problems that we're just looking to fight about something?

Are you bored with hearing about drunk drivers? Has the homeless problem lost its appeal? Is seeing orphans on television only sad for the few minutes they are seen on the air? There's a reason why we still hear about these problems. It's because they haven't been fixed yet.

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Registering early saves stress, time and a lot of mess

Editorial

Registration for spring semester classes opened Nov. 7, and, if you haven't registered yet, you should do so right away. There are many important reasons why registering early is the way to go.

The most common reason to register as early as possible is to insure that you are able to get into the classes that you want. Everyone can see from ratemyprofessor.com that some professors are better than others, if the popular opinion is to be believed. Each comment there makes it obvious that some students learn better with different kinds of teachers.

At the end of the day, there are just a handful of amazing teachers that everyone wants to take and those spots fill up quickly, especially with a teacher many students love, a subject lots of students need for their degree plan and with a class cap of only 25 spots available. There are already several classes that only have a few seats left, and the more time that goes by, the bigger the risk of the classes you want becoming unavailable.

Not being able to take the classes you need can also affect your degree plan. Some classes are only offered during the fall or spring and not registering for one of those classes because it is full could result in you staying longer at TJC or transferring without a diploma. This is a rare instance, but not unheard of.

Having the right teacher is only half the battle; creating a schedule that actually works for you is very important. Not being a morning person and having to wake up at 7 a.m. to make an 8 a.m. math class is going to get old quick. 10 a.m. classes go quickly, because it is not extremely early or so late that the whole day is lost.

Registering early also allows you to plan. By registering early, scheduling for the future becomes easier because planning is now easier. This may seem like a little thing, but when finals hit, thoughts about next semester start to occur more often. Knowing you have one less thing worry about can make a world of difference. For people who work, this is even more crucial because balancing a work and class schedule can be rough. Some people even need to factor in extra-curricular activities, like sports, not to mention "me-time" or hobbies or video games.

Being able to go ahead and give your boss your

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Society needs to continuously be motivated.

Speak out! If you want to be the voice of the future, then pick the fights that are worth fighting in the here and now. Speak out against drunk driving, which still kills over 10,000 people every year. Speak out for the more than half a million homeless people in this country. Speak out against the unfounded racial and religious persecutions of individuals. Speak out for the more than 100,000 orphans each year who never get to know the love of a forever family. Speak out against the diseases that we have all been affected by, directly or indirectly, which still

need a cure.

Pick a battle and speak out in one voice; be heard – be the change you want to see in this world. If you don't speak out, there will only be silence, and the changes that do come from that, won't be good ones.

NOT WORTH SPEAKING OUT AGAINST
TJC Starbucks sells with this years new red cups.

Photo by Haley Huston



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schedule for the upcoming semesters can save you a headache and also give them the time they need to plan shifts for the future. Some might not believe this, or argue their bosses do not plan that far ahead, but at least it gives the opportunity to start thinking about how some people might need to be rearranged at the workplace. At the very least, you can tell them that you warned them several weeks in advance of the hours you were available, should they be uncooperative.

Some people obviously must wait to register. If there are unpaid installments or

holds on your account, you can't register, but trying this early will make you aware of the problem. You can start trying find the solution because the process might have several steps. Registering closer to the semester may mean you're late or have an even harder time finding the right classes. This will also increase stress the longer you wait.

Register now by seeing an adviser on the 2nd floor of Rogers Student Center or by going to your apache access, before it is too late.

the inbox
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Honors student praises TJC accomplishments

Dear Editor:

I believe Tyler Junior College is a great campus, and it's not done growing. In my opinion, TJC is one of the best two-year colleges in the nation, and it continues to make remarkable progress. This year alone, we have seen the constant growth our campus is enduring, such as our new Nursing program and building, and the most recent contribution has occurred within the Honors program. The Honors program has established a community garden near the greenhouse where we can benefit our local food banks to provide for those who are in need, and the Honors program thanks Dr. Boucher for allowing us to make a difference.

I also enjoy the campus social life, which is very diverse. There are remarkable orga-

nizations such as Black Student Association (BSA) and Phi Theta Kappa. The best thing I enjoyed the most was going to our home football games, seeing our team put up touchdown after touchdown and marvelous halftime performances by the Apache Belles and Band.

I want to compliment Dr. Ryan Button, Mr. David Funk, and Mrs. Lauren Maldonado. Under their leadership, the Honors Program has grown and they have been role models to the honor students, and their effective leadership brought the garden to our campus. Under Dr. Metke's leadership, Tyler Junior College will continue to see significant growth.

Clifton Henry
Honors Student

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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TJC students unaware of contaminated water

Marshall Cearfoss
News Editor

On Oct. 12, the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality sent the City of Tyler a letter, informing them that the Tyler water system has amounts of haloacetic acids that exceed maximum containment levels. Over the course of the following weeks, the City of Tyler sent notices to all Tyler residents... except for TJC students living on campus.

In a letter handed out during a news conference on Nov. 4, Martin Heines, the Tyler mayor, said "...it is believed that the surge in Haloacetic acids in our system was caused by an increase in organic matter in our water supply."

"Why haven't they notified anyone about this?" asked Zac Guidry, a TJC student living in Holley Hall. "I feel like it should be the school's job to notify the students. I'm sure a lot of people don't go buy bottled water all the time, and they're just filling up their drinks with sink water... I feel like we should be notified about that- if something's contaminated in our water."

"Since at least 2004," said the mayor's letter, "this is the first time that Tyler has been in violation of standards for haloacetic acids."

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Photo by Emily Attebery

WATER SAFETY With rising concern over water health levels, many residents are only drinking bottled water until the problems are resolved.

Tuition

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TJC continues to work with legislatures to build a plan to receive more state funding in the next legislative session.

According to information given to the board, the hikes would bring a 4.7 percent increase to in-district students, 6 percent increase to out-of-district students and a 7.2 percent increase to non-resident students.

Currently, an in-district student pays an average of \$1,024 for 12 hours. The increase would change the price to \$1,072 per 12 hours, and increase of \$42. Out-of-district will see a change from \$1,588 to \$1,678 and non-resident students will see a change from

\$1,828 to \$1,954.

According to Van Cleef,

property tax. TJC was ranked a little low compared to the other

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—Sarah Van Cleef
Vice President of Finance and Administrative Affairs

in-district was given a 4.7 percent increase due to a recent maintenance tax note which increased property taxes. She also stated that out-of-district students do not have the maintenance tax that increases their

50 junior colleges, which attributed to the increase.

"Where the bulk of the increases are," said Van Cleef "If you look at it percentage wise, are more in the user specific. So if you're not taking a nurses

class or welding or automotive, the expenses of the college are much greater than if you're taking a History class or an English class."

TJC has also begun to take steps to cut costs at the school to help ease spending. Steps are being taken to rework positions and how work gets done in administrative positions that are not being filled.

The school has also been looking at current expenditures in order to find more budget cuts. And also, going back to basic money saving techniques, such as turning off lights and computers at the end of the day.

News in brief

TJC RANKED AMONG MOST AFFORDABLE ONLINE PARALEGAL DEGREE PROGRAMS

Tyler Junior College has been ranked among the top 50 most affordable online paralegal degree programs by Online Paralegal Degree Center. TJC ranked 22nd.

STUDENT SENATE CANNED FOOD DRIVE BEGINS

Student Senate is hosting the annual Food Drive this month! It will continue until Nov. 20. Prizes will be given to the person/organization who donates the most. To be entered, simply drop those donations off at Rogers Student Center.

TJC SPEECH AND DEBATE TAKES TOP HONORS IN BAYOU CITY TOURNAMENTS

The TJC speech and debate team brought home multiple awards from the Bayou City Swing tournaments hosted Oct. 23 - 25 at North Harris College and San Jacinto College.

TJC HOSTS LEADERSHIP SUMMIT FOR AREA HIGH SCHOOLS

The Tyler Junior College Student Senate hosted its 2nd Annual Student Leadership Summit on Thursday, Oct. 29

TJC DEBATE TEAM BRINGS BACK MORE AWARDS FROM CORPUS CHRISTI

The TJC Speech and Debate team travelled to Corpus Christi for the Texas Intercollegiate Forensics Association's Fall Championship tournament and the Del Mar Tournament on November 6 - 8, 2015. Twenty-two schools were in attendance.

ETIQUETTE DINNER

Etiquette dinner to be held on Nov. 19. Registration is necessary before Nov. 19. The dinner takes place at 5:30 p.m. in the Board Dining Room on the 3rd floor of RSC.

The City of Tyler is hiring an independent firm to review and evaluate both the facilities and protocols of our Water Department. The review is expected to take about two weeks, which started on Nov. 9.

"It's not like I drink the water," said Arantxa Hidalgo, a resident of Vaughn, who also was unaware of the contamination, "unless it's in the café. Is that water contaminated too? I don't use the tap water to drink it. I use it to take a shower and that is it, and wash my hands and brush my teeth."

Some students are upset that the school would place notices on the doors about trash issues, yet not inform them about an issue like this.

"When there is trash," said Arantxa, "they put [notices up] or there is going to be a 25 dollar fine if you don't pick up the hair."

"There should have been notices on the windows or doors and stuff like that, notifying us." Said Ellis Reid.

Although the increase in haloacetic

acid isn't particularly healthy for Tyler residents, it more than likely will not affect anyone. In a form released on Nov. 5, the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality has clarified the extent of the contamination levels and the amount needed to actually cause adverse affects. "Drinking water with disinfection by-products at concentrations above the maxi-

mum contaminant levels on a daily basis for many years can cause adverse health effects (e.g. haloacetic acids may increase the risk of cancer based on information from studies in laboratory animals); however,

these chemicals when found at elevated levels for a short period of time in water would not be expected to cause adverse health affects."

So, although most residents probably will not experience any health problems, why weren't TJC residents notified?

"I feel like it should be the school's job to notify the students."

-Zac Guidry
Holly Resident



Photo by Favian Quezada

HALO, IS IT ME YOU'RE LOOKING FOR The City of Tyler has brought in a third party tester to check the water supply. The city had a report of high haloacetic acids in the drinking water supply.

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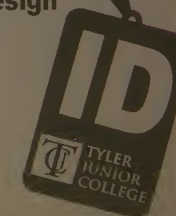
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3. No one will be allowed into class without wearing his or her ID/lanyard.
4. Students who do not have their ID/Lanyards may pick up a Day Pass at the Campus Safety Office, Campus Safety Substation located at the Rogers Student Center or from a TJC Ambassador. The first Day Pass each semester is free of charge. For all subsequent Day Passes a \$5.00 cost recovery charge will be billed to the student's account.
5. Employees may obtain a Day ID/Lanyard from their respective Dean's or Director's office.



East Texas Friendly!

TJC societies make Angel trees for non-typical groups

A campus wide holiday drive for organizations that don't just target needy kids

By Haley Huston
Editor-in-Chief

Three angel trees can be found on campus that will benefit organizations like Pets Fur People and Ministering our Military.

Several organizations are coming together for a campus wide effort to help collect a variety of items for many organizations through angel trees around campus until Dec. 4.

"Angel trees are a way to give back to the community, kind of how Salvation Army has an angel tree, where it is a Christmas tree set up in a lobby or mall," said Rebecka Jackson, Student Occupational Therapy Assistant member. "There were little paper ornaments, or angels, and it was mainly for kids back in the day. Kids would write down, 'I want a scooter or Wii game or something like that a child wanted. You would take paper ornaments off the tree and go buy that and return it back to the box.'"

Jackson said that with so many kids drives going on, they wanted to take a different approach with their angel trees and support other community organizations, such as the Humane Society, nursing homes and military veterans.

The idea has been in Jackson's head for a couple of years and the Student Occupational Therapy Assistants brought it to life this year.

The group presented it to the student senate, and Lauren Tyler suggested they make it a campus wide event.

Groups such as Phi Theta Kappa Honors Society, Kappa Kappa Psi, the Band, Apache Punch, Tau Beta Sigma and The library staff soon agreed to help put angel trees of their own.

"We're trying to get the trees evenly spaced across campus," said James Hanson, Phi Theta Kappa. "There are people who go to Pirtle that hardly go to any other building on campus, I used to be like that. And there are people who never go to Pirtle, so having one in different places across campus, we're hoping, will give it more foot traffic."

Three trees are already put up around campus in Vaughn Library, Robert M. Rogers Health Science Center, Pirtle and one more is scheduled to go up in Wise Cultural Arts.

Daniel Mckenize, library circulation desk manger, said the tree in Vaughn Library has only been up for a day and

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Photo by Emily Attebery

PHI THETA KAPPA Located on the 2nd floor of Pirtle, this Christmas tree is sponsored by the TJC chapter of Alpha Omicron, TJC chapter of Phi Theta Kappa.



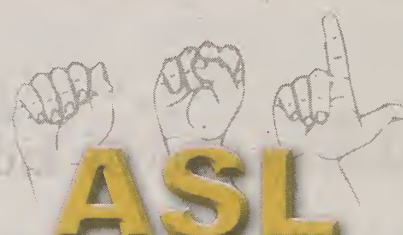
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MERRY CHRISTMAS The tree located in the lobby of the Nursing Building is being sponsored by Student Occupational Therapy Assistants.



Photo by Haley Huston

OH CHRISTMAS TREE, OH CHRISTMAS TREE Standing tall next to the steps leading to the second floor of the library, this tree is sponsored by the Vaughn Library staff.



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BSM hosts an International Thanksgiving feast for everyone

Por Alejandra Hurtado
Student Life Editor

Thanksgiving Day has been a traditional holiday in a part of American culture since its origin in 1620, when pilgrims and Native Americans, two different cultures, shared in one place, the gratitude of having obtained a good harvest. So, this celebration revolves around gratitude, friendship, cooperation, cultural respect and the opportunity to share with others.

The halls of TJC house several representatives of cultural diversity. This mix of heritage and tradition from different countries allows this community to cross borders with American culture, creating an international holiday.

There are international and local guests, which celebrate Thanksgiving as a point of reunion and fellowship.

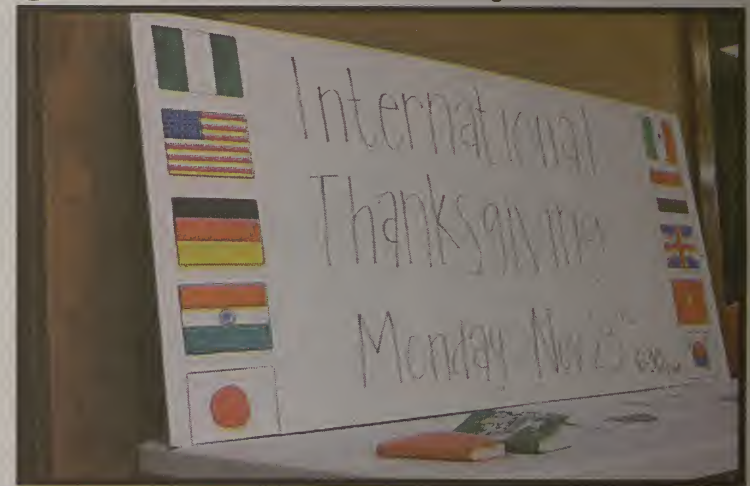
Baptist Student Ministry "is a campus ministry connected to local and state Baptist churches," according to Dr. Mark Jones. "It is also a TJC student organization that seeks to engage and serve students from all backgrounds."

-Oscar Lara
International students, Tyler
Junior College

TJC is hosting the Nations International Celebration of Thanksgiving Feast, also called "Festival de las Naciones" by Oscar Lara, coordinator of the event. "Both American and international students are invited to this event," Mark said.



PROMOTING INTERNATIONAL THANKSGIVING by BSM director Dr. Mark Jones on the stage (Left) and Oscar Lara (Right)



By Oscar Lara

PROMOTING INTERNATIONAL THANKSGIVING Jake Herington- BSM alumni and current intern with BSM(left) and Dr. Mark Jones- BSM director (right)

This event will be held Nov. 23, at 6:30 p.m. at the BSM at 1333 S Baxter, located on the east side of the building across from White Administration. Admission to this event is completely free. Bringing a food dish is optional. There will also be games and prize giveaways.

The objective of Celebration of the Nations International Thanksgiving Feast is the strengthening of relations through tolerance and understanding between people of different cultures.

"International students add to TJC campus, we learn from them and welcome them in their academic activities in America," Mark said. "Our motivation is to make our event a desire to learn, grow, serve and share on the campus of TJC."

"This thanksgiving will be unique, because it respects the ancient tradition but is

-Dr. Mark Jones
BSM director

diversified by multiculturalism," said Oscar Lara, event organizer. Multiculturalism and American traditions are incorporated in one place. "American food, Thanksgiving Day, will be provided and we invite international students to carry some items from their countries," according to Mark.

For those scheduled to attend this event full of games and sweepstakes, "we hope that students feel the BSM and our ministry is loving and welcoming," said Mark.

For questions, please contact Dr. Mark Jones at 903-530-8647.

"The Celebration of the Nations event will be on on Nov. 23rd at 6:30 P.M. and will include both American and international students."

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TJC honors veterans on campus with a c



ENJOYING THE CELEBRATION AS BOTH TEACHER AND STUDENT VETERANS SMILE FOR THE CAMERA (left) Barry Jacobs and (right) Billy Byrd are both veterans. Byrd is a professor of Internet-working Technology and Desktop Support here at TJC. Jacobs is an Art student, taking one art class per semester here for the past five years. He has no plans to graduate, he enjoys the atmosphere, the classes and the people

Photo by Haley Huston



SPONSORS OF THE VETERANS CELEBRATION From left to right: Aukse Harris, Assistant director for Residential Life and Housing. Austin Scott, Residential director for Claridge Hall; Diana Karol, Director of Auxiliary Services. Patti Light, Assistant Director of Residential Life. Billy Hays, Staff Technician -- Residential Life. These were the key planners for Veterans Day program. They hope to make it an annual event to honor our brave soldiers.

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Nov. 11 is a day that is set aside in history to Honor those brave men and women of our Armed Forces who have fought for our FREEDOM throughout the world.

President Woodrow Wilson proclaimed November 11 as the first commemoration of Armistice Day. On May 13, 1938, the 11th of November, of each year, was declared a legal holiday.

Congress amended the Act of 1938 by striking out the word "Armistice" and inserting in its place the word "Veterans." With the approval of this legislation on June 1, 1954, November 11th became a day to honor American veterans of all wars.

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FLAGS PLANTED TO HONOR FALLEN TEXAS SOLDIERS The lawn in front of Jenkins Hall was used as a site to plant flags for fallen veterans from the state of Texas. The flags were placed by the faculty of Residential Life and Housing the night before.

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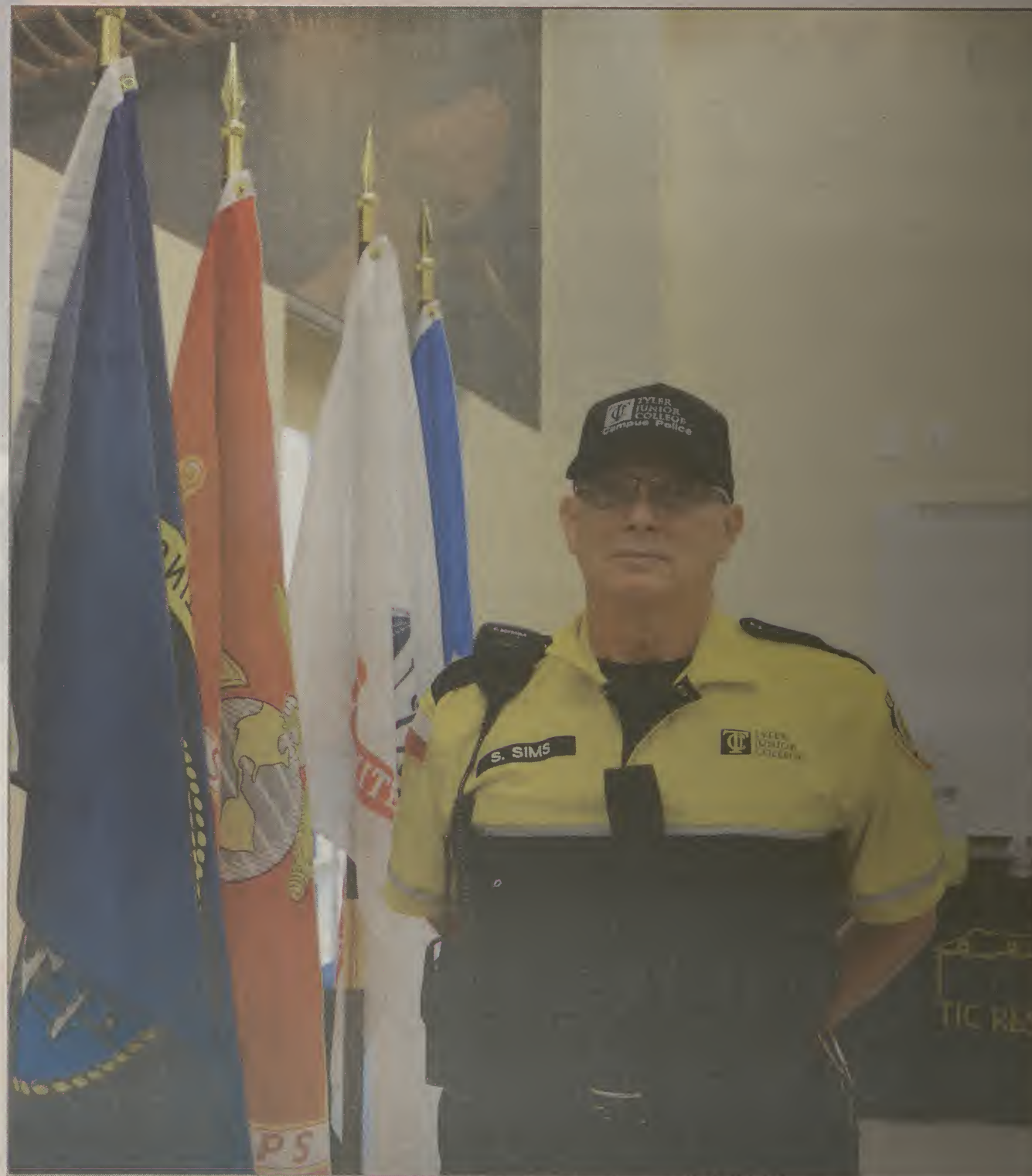


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CAMPUS POLICE GUARD SHARES HIS STORY "Vietnam was going on, it was 1973, Vietnam ended in 1975. They did not send me, an airborne infantry officer, to Vietnam. I have no idea -- I didn't avoid it. I don't know why it was, they just didn't send me. I was stationed in Fort Benning. I was going to be sent to the Colombian Ranger school, but the budget got cut." said Stephen Sims.

Men's and Women's basketball looks to bring home title

Men's team hopes to go beyond second

By Nick Vaughn
Staff Postion

Your men's 2015-2016 basketball season is here again and looking to build off of a successful last season, making it to the second round of the national junior college tournament.

This year's team has a lot of new faces and very little returning players for this season, but none the less a promising team at that.

"Expectations this year are to go back to the national tournament," said freshman forward Eden Ewing, "And try to win a championship."

The biggest question about this year's team is 'what will they be?' Are they the team that will win late in ball games, the team that starts off fast in their schedule winning a lot but then completely falling apart once conference comes around, or will this be the team that runs the table, passing all current expectations and shocking.



THEIR PLAYING BASKETBALL. "Left" Men's basketball practice picks up the intensity as the season gets under way. "Right" Freshman Jasmine Williams puts up some extra shots in between classes.



Photos by Nick Vaughn

Women's team works to reclaim title

By Earlyssa Cooper
Staff Writer

Basketball season is here!!!

According to the head coach Trenia Tills Jones of Tyler Junior College women's basketball team, "We're going to be young," said coach Jones. "Yet fun to watch. There will be mistakes made, however, we look forward to growth throughout the season, with hard work and dedication."

The season opening was on Nov. 3, where the Lady Apaches won against Dallas Crest. Their next game will be a home game at 2 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 13 vs. Jacksonville College. When asked, the coaches said, "The player to watch for this season is Sky'lynn Holmes." Holmes is #24 and plays forward and is a native of Mount Pleasant, TX.

Holmes had only a few words to say about

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— see WOMEN'S page 13 —

Wake up, practice, class, practice, study hall, repeat



Nick Vaughn
Sports Editor

Times are difficult in the life of a college athlete.

Dealing with the long practice hours, games through each semester, getting all your class work in on time, if not early and not to mention maintaining a certain grade point average on top of everything else makes life in college a real challenge.

Unlike other students on campus, student athletes don't

have the choice to just skip class when they don't feel like going, they don't have the option not to turn in work just because they did not know it was due and certainly do not have the okay to just drop a class because things are too hard or because they fell to far behind. In fact, by no means can they do that at all. Dropping a class or skipping is totally out of the question and there will be consequences for the ones that do so. With that in the back of their mind athletes make sure not to skip a class or not turn in an assignment.

The players have a lot on their plate when it comes to their sport, and the class work can be daunting, especially for the ones that look to play at the next level, like a D1 or D2 university. The coaches there will look at their grades to see how well they do and what type of person that player is, and if the grades meet the requirements that each school has for admission.

All of this at times can be a bit much for the players, having to not only do the work for that week but they might do extra work for the next week to get ahead in the class. Which can be straining on the body, because it goes without saying that everyone needs rest and a certain amount at that to function at 100%.

All in all the type of schedule an athlete goes through is for sure a lot. When you take in account all the countless hours of mandatory study hall, independent studying, class time, practice time, and all the games through the season, and that is not to include if that certain team gets into the playoff and makes a deep run which is normally the case here at TJC given that we have 51 and counting national championships throughout all the sports that we offer here. Things can get a bit out of control if one allows it to and is not on top of his/her work.

THE LOCKER ROOM

Ryan Brough Tennis Player

What made you decide to play tennis?

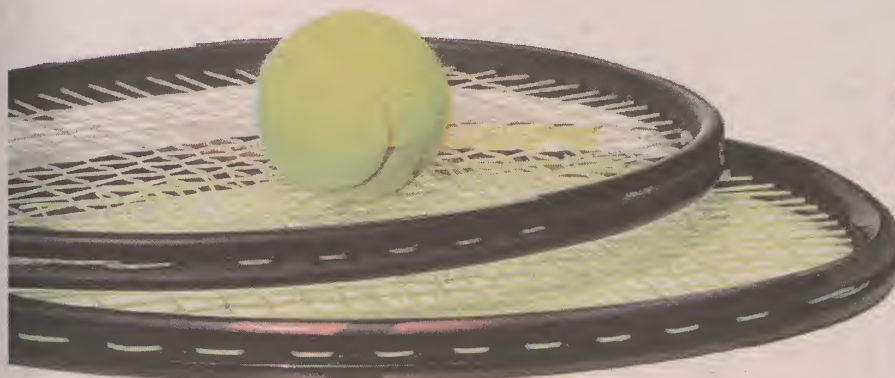
I saw it on TV at the age of six and thought it was cool, but it's a bit less cool now than it was back then.

Who's your role model?

I'm going to boxing with that, I go Mayweather.

What is some pre-game music you listen to?

It varies, really. It depends what mood I'm in on the day, to be honest. I have no set playlist.



For more about Ryan and other athletes at TJC, watch The Locker Room interviews online at myTJCnews.com



MEN'S

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the nation? When asked who he is looking forward to playing against this season, he replied "Trinity Valley, because I know a lot of their guys because they are from Houston," said Ewing. Only time will tell if the team will be that good, but it does still stand that no men's basketball team has won a national championship here at Tyler Junior College. One thing is for sure, the amount of support that we can give the team during their season, to give them that home-court advantage every team needs is to "fill out the gym," said Ewing. "Fill up the gym and support us."

Could this be the first team to bring the title back to Tyler? We will just have to watch the season and see how everything plays out.

WOMEN'S

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basketball.

"Heart, Dedication," said Holmes. "And work ethic. This season I look forward to self-development and building chemistry with my teammates, and if we can do that, I honestly believe we have a chance to go back to nationals."

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Nov. 16 @ TBA Melbourne, FL

Women's Tennis

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Men's Basketball

Nov. 13-14 @ TBA Kilgore College Classic
Nov. 21 vs. Jacksonville College
Nov. 24 @ Lee College
Nov. 29 vs. Northwestern State - JV
Dec. 2 vs. Coastal Bend College

Women's Basketball

Nov. 13 vs. Arkansas Baptist College
Nov. 14 vs. Hill College
Nov. 21 vs. Jacksonville College
Nov. 24 vs. Paris Junior College
Nov. 27 @ Collin College
Nov. 28 @ Seminole State College
Dec. 2 vs. Coastal Bend College

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TJC Academy of Dance prepares for the new Nutcracker

By Emily Attebery
Managing Editor

Anyone who has missed watching the annual Nutcracker ballet over the past 26 years will get a chance this December for the 27th year of production. The ballet will be the classic story people have grown to love, but a few new additions are hoping to enhance the experience this year.

"Last year we choreographed an entire new Nutcracker ... it was fun, and working with the students was excellent," said Carolyn Hanna, the Nutcracker director, TJC Academy of Dance Director, and Dance Professor.

A new dragon and addition of a Mrs. Rat King to choreograph into the ballet are new pieces audiences can look forward to.

"I think it's going to be really cute and funny -- give people something else besides the same thing over and over every year," said Thereza Bryce-Cotes, assistant director and Ballet Mistress for the ballet.

The dance department has about three months (10 rehearsals), between the auditions and the performance, to organize and choreograph the performers. The school does not sponsor the ballet, so all of the fund raising and advertising comes from the hard work of the dance academy at TJC.

Since the ballet continues its performance every year, it has become a cultural event for the city of Tyler.

"I think it's really turned out to be a family tradition, and we get such a great, nice audience ... people have been seeing it for 27 years," said Hanna.

Many of the dancers who perform come back multiple years in a row to perform again and to see the show. The wide mix of dancers range from ages 6 to 60, from professional to community dancers. However, with over 100 dancers involved, organization and scheduling can become very hectic.

"Our rehearsals are always overlapping because we have to keep using our same dancers that know how to dance to do all these parts," said Bryce-Cotes. "Some of these dancers can make it look so easy that people really don't know what goes into it."

Some of the seasoned dancers have six parts each. Dedication becomes a requirement of all the cast working every weekend until show week and even after hours when the Ornelas Health Physical Education center closes.

"Some of these kids are rehearsing six hours a day and they love it, and that passion really rubs off on us too," said Hanna.

Overall, the numerous hours of practice and new additions are all in the hope to continue an entertaining tradition for the city.

"So it's just really good for the entire family. Little kids can come and see the dancers and the costumes. The older ones can see the progression of the movement and music, and it's so fun and you know there's really something for everybody," said Hanna.

The ballet will be performed Dec. 4 at 7 p.m., Dec. 5 at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m., and Dec. 6 at 2 p.m. Located at the TJC Wise Auditorium. Tickets go on sale

Nov. 7 at the Financial Aid office in the White Administration building, and online at <http://nutcrackertjc.eventbrite.com>. For more information on the event, go to <http://www.tjc.edu/nutcracker>.



Photo by Emily Attebery

LET IT SNOW Dancers prepare for the annual Nutcracker play at Tyler Junior College. The Nutcracker will be performed four times this year. Ticket information can be found at <http://www.tjc.edu/nutcracker>.



Photo by Emily Attebery

ON POINTE Dancers carefully prepare for their first performance of The Nutcracker on Dec. 4. "Some of these kids are rehearsing six hours a day and they love it, and that passion really rubs off on us too," said Carolyn Hanna, director of The Nutcracker, TJC Academy of Dance Director and dance professor.



Photo by Emily Attebery

THE COUNTDOWN BEGINS Dancers have 10 rehearsals to perfect this year's performance. This will be the 27th annual showcasing of The Nutcracker by Tyler Junior College. "Some dancers make it look so easy that people really don't know what goes into it," said Thereza Bryce-Cotes, assistant director of The Nutcracker.

Actors use improv to cover the unexpected on stage

By Julia Paschoal
Staff Writer

Anything can happen on an empty stage. Sometimes, what was rehearsed isn't what the audience sees.

"In theater, you never know what to expect," said David Crawford, TJC Theater professor.

During plays, actors rehearse day after day and know the lines and timing. The audience sees the scene for the first time, and they don't know what to watch for. They often don't see when something goes wrong.

"Number one is, you think you did something awful, but you've been rehearsing everything every single night for six weeks, but the audience - it's the first time they've ever seen," said Crawford.

The audience can only see what actors demonstrate; they don't notice if something didn't go as planned unless there is some hint from an actor.

"They don't know what is right or wrong. They have no clue, and if you don't show anything, if you don't let them see a sweat, if you don't do a thing, they don't know what is right or wrong."

An actor cannot show when they forget a line or make a mistake in the play.

"It is terrifying, internally, when you drop a line, but, thankfully, you have other actors who

are good to cover," said Ashley Oxford, TJC student majoring in Theater. "But, you have that moment when everything goes quietly and it's like, 'oh my God I messed up, everybody's gonna know I messed up. The director is gonna know I messed up. I'm gonna get killed', but they don't even notice it."

TJC has seen its share of unexpected scenes on stage. An actor threw up in the middle of a scene, and another forgot the choreography of a sword fight and ended up getting hit by the iron sword. In both situations, the actors improvised, and the audience didn't notice that it wasn't planned.

"What happens when something goes wrong is that you panic ... in your head. You are just rushed by all the sensations. You are rushed with feelings. You are rushed with the emotion," said Crawford. "But what you have to do is think, 'wow, how do we logically get out of this', and most of it is just to be in control of it and to not panic."

The art of acting relies on improvising in unexpected situations. Actors rehearse and learn everything as planned, but this doesn't always happen.

"You forget, for a second, that the audience doesn't know your lines," said Jack Taylor, TJC student majoring in Theater.

People make mistakes, even with rehearsal. Actors aren't immune.



Photo by David Torres

IMPROV FOR THE SAVE Actors Anthony Culpepper and Bradon McQueen perform an improv on stage at the Jean Browne theatre.

Spectre: reviewing the legend

Movie Review



Marshall Cearfoss
News Editor

Going into this, I anticipated a movie with an expansive story line with lots of shoot outs, fancy car chases, loads of women and tailor-made suits. Well, that's literally exactly what this movie brought to the table.

Spectre is the fourth installment of the newest incarnations of James Bond movies.

Plot summary: As per usual, James Bond/007 (Daniel Craig- arguably the largest nose to be cast as James Bond), aided with the help of allies such as Madeleine Swann (Lea Seydoux), Agent Q (Ben Whishaw), and Agent M (Ralph Fiennes- arguably the largest nose in Hollywood), has to battle through an entire hierarchy of villains. The list of villains goes from harmless to nasty: Hinx (Dave Bautista), Agent C (Andrew Scott), and finally Blofeld (Christopher Waltz).

When you hire an aging WWE wrestler such as Bautista, it's smart to have them strictly do action, because when they try to speak, things begin going to "S#%t."

That's why, literally, his only line in the entire movie was a well-timed "S#%t!"

Well played, filmmakers, well played.

Acting: I really have no opinion on Daniel Craig's acting, since his character

is typically a stone-faced mastermind who just has sex with every attractive(ish) female in the movie. Pretty easy job, if you ask me. Everyone else was... Okay, I guess? The acting wasn't bad enough to distract me from Ralph Fiennes' nose, so I guess it was pretty good.

Plot line: Since I have never seen any James Bond movies prior to this, I can't say I have an educated opinion.... but it was really confusing.

Conclusion: Although I have seen no 007 movies before Spectre, it definitely made me want to watch some of the old Bond films. Aside from a plot line which leaves you in the dust if you haven't brushed up on Bond knowledge, this film was actually pretty good. If you haven't seen previous Bond films, I'd recommend it, as it could make Spectre more enjoyable. Though, be careful, because not all James Bond movies have Ralph Fiennes' shnozz.

Extra: HOLY CRAP DID YOU SEE THAT BEGINNING CREDITS SEQUENCE WITH THE SAM SMITH SONG? That right there could have won an Oscar.

I'd like to thank Times Square Cinema for making this review possible.

When you come up to the ticket booth, tell the employee that you're actually a secret agent sent to look for hidden messages in the movie. If they don't believe you, just start naming off the alphabet while saying "Agent" before each letter. THAT will convince them.

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Celebración of the Nations International Thanksgiving Feast

Una tradición compartida con la diversidad cultural de todos los estudiantes

Por Alejandra Hurtado
Editora en Español

Thanksgiving o Día de Acción de Gracias ha sido una tradición que ha permanecido a través de los años, como parte de la cultura americana. La celebración de Thanksgiving se dio origen en 1620, cuando peregrinos y los nativos americanos, dos culturas diferentes que compartían en un mismo lugar, el agradecimiento de haber obtenido una buena cosecha. Por lo tanto esta celebración gira entorno a la gratitud, amistad, colaboración, respeto cultural y la oportunidad de compartir con otros.

Entre los pasillos de Tyler Junior College se encuentran varios representantes de la diversidad cultural. Esta mezcla de herencias y tradiciones ancestrales provenientes de diferentes países del mundo, permiten que esta comunidad no solo traspase las fronteras de oportunidad, sino también, permita una mayor conexión entre la cultura americana con el resto del mundo, un mundo que esta en globalización continua.

Tenemos los invitados internacionales y locales para celebrar Thanksgiving, ahora falta el lugar.

Baptist Student Ministry "Es un ministerio universitario conectado a las iglesias bautistas locales y estatales," de acuerdo con Dr. Mark Jones "BSM también es una organización estudiantil que TJC de busca involucrar y servir a los estudiantes de todos los orígenes"

Ellos son los anfitriones de Celebration of the Nations International Thanksgiving Feast, o también llamado "Fiesta de las Naciones" por Oscar Lara, coordinador del evento. Tanto los estudiantes americanos como los internacionales están invitados a este evento "BSM es un ministerio que quiere celebrar junto a todos los estudiantes internacionales y locales el día de Thanksgiving" dijo Mark.



Fotografía por Oscar Lara

INVITACION POR PARTE DE Jake Herington- Estudiante e interno de BSM (Izquierda) y Dr. Mark Jones- Directo de BSM (Derecha)

Este evento se realizara el próximo 23 de Noviembre a las 6:30 P.M. en las instalaciones de BSM, localizado al costado oriental del edificio White Administration. La entrada a este evento es completamente gratuita, sin embargo es opcional llevar comida típica para compartir.

El objetivo de Celebration of the Nations International Thanksgiving Feast es el conocimiento y fortalecimiento de las relaciones de tolerancia y

comprensión entre personas de diversas culturas "Los estudiantes internacionales se suman tanto al campus TJC, queremos aprender de ellos y les damos la bienvenida en sus actividades académicas en América." De igual manera Mark dijo "Nuestra motivación para hacer el evento viene de nuestro deseo de aprender, crecer, servir y compartir en el campus de TJC"

"Este thanksgiving sera unico, ya que respeta la antigua tradicion pero se diversifica por la multiculturalidad"

-Oscar Lara
Organizador de la Fiesta de las Naciones

La multiculturalidad y las tradiciones americanas se incorporaran en un mismo lugar "Se proporcionará comida americana de día de Acción de Gracias y se invita a los internacionales para que lleven algunos artículos de su país." de acuerdo con Mark.

Este 23 de Noviembre ya estas programado para asistir a este evento lleno de juegos y sorteos "Esperamos que sienten que los estudiantes de la BSM y nuestro ministerio es un lugar amoroso y acogedor" concluyo Mark. **Para mucha mas información BSM center 1333 S.Baxter**

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Building good study habits



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CRACKING DOWN FOR GOOD GRADES IN THE LIBRARY Many students often study at the computers and various tables in the library, especially deeper into the semester.

Four tips that could save your grade

Column

By Oscar Lara
Staff Writer

It's 11:47 p.m. and your paper is due at midnight. Somehow you've managed to make excuses for the last two weeks to avoid doing your paper. You feel frustrated because you won't be able to submit it to Canvas on time, and you know there is no other word to describe this behavior which is so common in college students, and some adults, other than "procrastination".

Here are 4 tips that might help you to deal with this and get the best out of the worst.

1. Learn to say NO

We all know that college implies a more active social life, because of different things, such as all the new people you meet, your suite mates, roommates and not to mention all of the activities on and off campus. Of course, all of these activities are super fun to do, but they're also super time consuming. Trust me, I know how hard it can be to say no to your friends, but you need to be mindful about one thing: you're in college now. Nobody will help you manage your time, so if *you* don't manage it, you're pretty much screwed. So, next time friends ask you to go somewhere and you have school work to do, just take a breath and firmly say no.

2. Set a special time for school work

Even though you may live on campus, that doesn't mean all of your time is set to attend school related activities. So, my recommendation is to set an alarm every single day (except maybe the weekends) and take an hour or two out of your day just to work on your assignments. Try this for a month and I can assure that you will notice a positive change on your grades.

3. Turn your phone off

Let's be honest. How many hours a day do you spend texting? Is your Snapchat score better than your grades? Let's face it, our phones are tremendous distractions, especially when we want to study, write a paper or work on an assignment. Even though it will seem a great sacrifice, the benefit is greater, trust me. So next time you are willing to do school work, let your first step be to put your phone AWAY!

4. Take advantage of technology

Technology is always trying to make things easier for us, inside and outside of college. Did you know there are mobile apps for Canvas and LearnSmart available for free? So, while you are waiting in line to buy Starbucks, sitting on the bus, on your flight back home or even when you are just sitting around doing nothing and your computer is too far away, just jump to the apps and start moving those assignments out of the way.

Being a college student should be an amazing experience, don't let procrastination turn it into something unpleasant. And keep this in mind, you can always make the best out of the worst.

ANGELS

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one person has already stopped to ask about it.

Any student can help by choosing one of the various paper ornaments on any of the trees and bring the items to the designated drop off places on campus.

Jackson also wanted to be clear that this is for anyone from any religious, ethnic or cultural background. The choice to name the tree's Angel Trees and not Christmas trees was in the hope that no one felt excluded.

Donations will be accepted through Dec. 4, which is why the tree went up so early before Christmas.

"We have to have everything turned back in by Dec. 4th," said Hanson. "We've already had a couple people ask us 'why are you doing this so early?' Because it's already the end of the semester and we're not going to be here over Christmas break. We can't really

put it up right before, after we get back from Thanksgiving."

Jackson agreed that putting them up now was the best option because they could only collect items for four weeks before school let out.

"Angel trees are a way to give back to the community,"

—Rebecca Jackson
Student Occupational Therapy Assistant member

"There will be various societies, nursing homes, military veterans benefitting," said Jackson. "It's local animal shelters or humane societies. There's like three different nursing home residents that need things, simple things like socks, sweaters, you know just basic needs."

She also goes on to say that places like humane societies need cat food, dog food, toys, litter boxes and litter.

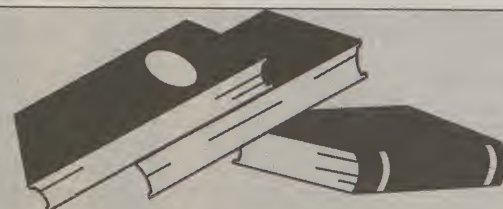
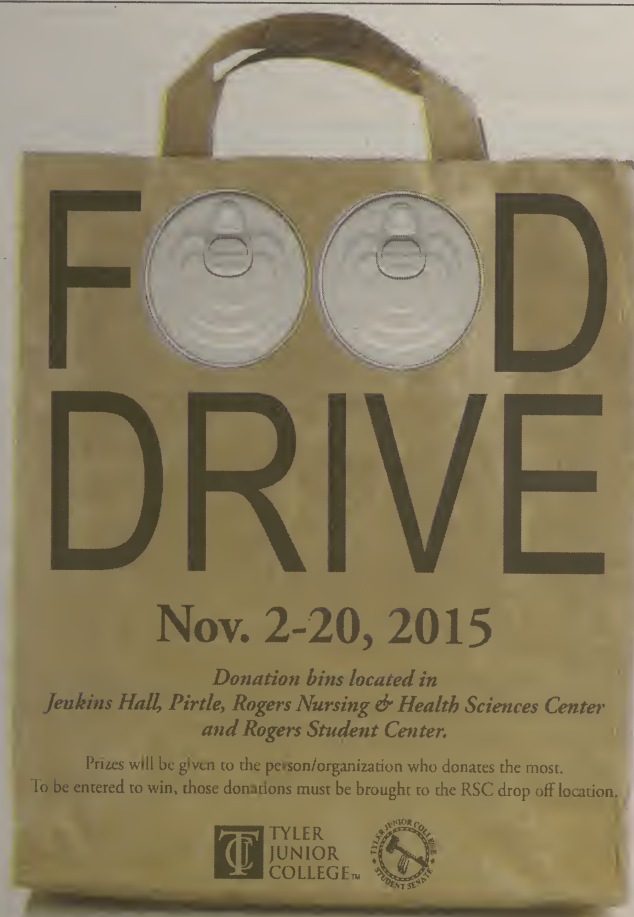
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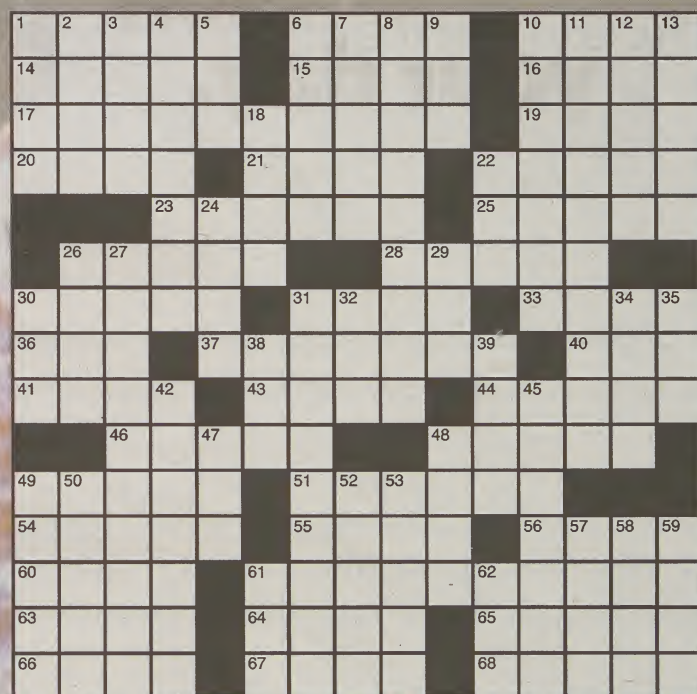
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By Robert E. Lee Morris

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- 32 Barnyard female
- 34 Has obligations
- 35 Govt.-issued ID
- 38 Drop (off)
- 39 Discipline using mats
- 42 Bric-a-brac disposal event
- 45 Rabbit ears
- 47 Unit of hope or light
- 48 Per person
- 49 "Aida," for one
- 50 County on San Francisco Bay
- 52 "I pass"
- 53 Make amends
- 57 Animal Crackers feline
- 58 Really digging, as a hobby
- 59 "A Death in the Family" author James
- 61 Quick poke
- 62 List-ending abbr.

SUDOKU

THE SAMURAI OF PUZZLES By The Mepham Group

Level: **1** 2 3 4

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SOLUTION TO LAST WEEK'S PUZZLE 11/29/15

9	7	8	1	5	6	4	3	2
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3	2	1	5	8	4	6	7	9
8	9	7	3	6	1	5	2	4
5	1	3	9	2	7	8	4	6
7	8	9	6	4	3	2	5	1
2	4	6	8	1	5	3	9	7

Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit, 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit www.sudoku.org.uk

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